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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants request consideration of the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Under 37 CFR § 1.98 (a)(2)(ii), only copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. A copy of the listed U.S. patent application publication can be provided upon request. Also enclosed are copies of the International Search Report and an English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, issued in corresponding International Application Serial No. PCT/JP2005/005787.

English abstracts are provided for references A2 through A5.

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention co-pending and co-owned non-provisional application serial numbers 10/594,939 (Attorney Docket No. 14875-168US1) and 10/594,706 (Attorney Docket No. 14875-169US1), which concern related subject matter and have overlapping inventorship with the above-referenced application. Applicants assume that the Examiner has ongoing access to the files of these related applications and can obtain copies of prosecution documents from the files if at any point in the future he/she considers it potentially relevant to issues in the present application. Applicants will supply copies of such documents from the related applications' files, should the Examiner request them.

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Respectfully submitted,

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